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Letters responding to:

'Turn the clock back to 1875? No thanks', by Rob Lyons

SIR: Lyons writes: "We should cut out the moralising about humanity screwing up the planet. It's our planet, like it or not, and we should do what suits us best."

While what Lyon states may be empirically true, we have been entrusted with this planet and its environment for the as yet unborn generations, too. We also have a responsibility to all those species that we are driving to extinction.

Vivian Lovering, USA

SIR: It's a shame that geo-engineering remedies to global warming don't get more press. Painting roofs white, seeding the atmosphere to produce more clouds, etc, will bring global temperatures down. Global warming is a problem that needs to be addressed.

Fay Gilson, USA

SIR: The carbon-reduction fixation is taking on cultic proportions, complete with sin, repentance, atonement, and shaming. This movement has all the worst features of fundamentalism.

Andrew Tikhon, USA

SIR: I know the solutions are difficult to take – not many of us want to give up our 'easy' lifestyle. But if we are to see the world survive for future generations to enjoy we need to change our lifestyles. Without carbon controls as little as half a billion of us will survive to see in the twenty third century.

Graham Tucker, USA

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- 2p 38 Geef van elk van de vier briefschrijvers aan of deze de mening van Rob Lyons (zie titel en citaat uit zijn artikel in de eerste brief) wel of niet deelt. Noteer de naam van elke briefschrijver, gevolgd door "wel" of "niet".